## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Atty. Docket No.: 005432,00002

Bjerre et al. Group Art Unit: 3629

Serial No.: 09/973,082 Confirmation No.: 4671

Filed: October 10, 2001 Examiner: J. Plucinski

For: COMMON CARRIER SYSTEM

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants submit herewith Form PTO/SB/08, identifying information for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the non-US patent references are enclosed. Also, a Concise Statement of Relevancy is attached for the Notice of Reasons for Refusal in Japanese Application No. 2007-169667 dated February 23, 2010. Should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Applicants do not waive any rights to take appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as a reference against the claims of the present application.

Consideration of the cited information and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-noted application are respectfully requested. Should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted, BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

By: /David R. Gerk/
David R. Gerk
Reg. No. 56,901

1100 13<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Suite 1200

Washington, D.C. 20005-4051

Dated: April 8, 2010